Application No.: 09/888,118

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## Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The multiple cross-linking agents may also include linear polymers having Si-H functionalities as part of or pendant from the polymer chain, cyclic compounds having Si-H functionalities as part of or pendant from the ring, a dendrimer having Si-H functionalities, and mixtures of these three types of cross-linking agents. Useful linear polymers include, but are not limited to, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Si-O-(SiR<sup>2</sup>H-O)<sub>n</sub>-Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, wherein R<sup>2</sup> is selected from methyl and ethyl groups and wherein n is a positive integer from about 10 to about 100, preferably about 10 to about 50 and most preferably from about 10 to about 30;  $H(CH_3)_2Si-O-(SiPHh(-OSi(CH_3)_2H)-O)_n-$ Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>H, wherein n is a positive integer from about 10 to about 100, preferably about 10 to about 50 and most preferably from about 10 to about 30; (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Si-O-(SiH<sub>3</sub>H-O)<sub>m</sub>- $(SiCH_3(C_8H_{17})-O)_n-Si(CH_3)_3$  $(CH_3)_3Si-O-(Si(CH_3)(H)-O)_m-(Si(CH_3)(C_8H_{17})-O)_n-Si(CH_3)_3$ wherein m is a positive integer from about from about 10 to about 100, preferably about 10 to about 50 and most preferably from about 10 to about 30, and wherein n is a positive integer from about 10 to about 100, preferably about 10 to about 50 and most preferably from about 10 to about 30; and H<sub>2</sub>R<sup>3</sup>Si(SiR<sup>3</sup>H)<sub>n</sub>-SiR<sup>3</sup>H<sub>2</sub>; wherein R<sup>3</sup> is selected form from alkyl and aryl groups having from about 1 to about 15 carbon atoms, and wherein n is a positive integer from about 10 to about 100, preferably about 10 to about 50 and most preferably from about 10 to about 30. The selection of a suitable cross-linking agent should not limit the scope of the invention.--